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REMARKS

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1. four jet fighters with swept-back wings were seen north of the eastern end of the runway at Brandis airfield. (1) The weather was very hazy. The bomb-like object which has been repeatedly observed on the ground next to the aircraft was again seen. (2) The wooden van-like truck was seen again north of the aircraft. There was no flying.

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2. When passing along the Machern-Polenz (N 52/E 11) road source observed that the road just south of the guardhouse was not used but blocked by a barrier. The runway had an asphalt surface except for a small strip at its western end which was cemented. The western end of this concrete strip continued into a taxiway about 10 meters wide which led toward the north. The taxiway extended to the south about 30 meters beyond the runway. There was a break 250 meters long in the Machern-Polenz road just south of the western end of the runway. This section of the road was being graded. Warning signs at the point where the road began again in the south were marked with "Commander of airfield." (3)

3. Three radio installations were seen at the field for the first time. One installation, located between the taxiway and the road, consisted of a radio truck and a mast, about 12 meters high, the top of which was thick. Eight guy wires were fitted at the masthead. The motor vehicle number could not be seen. A similar radio mast was on the southern edge of the field. Near by was a third radio installation with four masts, each about 8 meters high. In the middle of the square of masts was another mast about 4.5 meters high mounted on a pedestal. (4)

4. An estimated 600 air force soldiers were stationed at the field. Officers' dependents were seen in some houses. No railroad cars were observed on the single-track railroad siding.

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5. five jet fighters with swept-back wings with a small dark stripe on the upper edges of their rudder assemblies were seen north of the east end of the runway. The first plane had a red 15 painted on its nose. (5) There was no flying because of the changing weather. About 20 soldiers and a mobile wooden hut were seen near the aircraft.

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6. A strip, about 30 meters long, of the east section of the runway was somewhat lighter in color than the rest of the runway. Wooden poles about 2.5 meters high with red tops, and a double line were seen along the southern edge of the field. A radio installation consisting of four masts about 7 to 8 meters high, and, in the middle a braced rod about 4 to 5 meters high, was located on the southern edge. West of this radio installation was a wooden hut and next to it a mast about 10 to 12 meters high which had guy wires at two points. There was a break in the road leading along the western edge of the field, and the road was blocked. There were warning signs reading: "Off limits. Commander of airfield."

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25X1 7. [REDACTED] Soviet Senior Lieutenant Herman Artemev of Unit [REDACTED] was a patient in the Central Hospital in Leipzig. From a conversation with Artemev it was learned that he was stationed in Brandis. (6)

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[REDACTED] Comments.

- 25X1A (1) The airfield is occupied by a fighter regiment. The four jet aircraft, MiG-15s, probably are the alert flight stationed on the landing field.
 (2) The bomb-like object is probably an auxiliary tank. [REDACTED]
 (3) The runway does not extend beyond the Polenz-Machern road to the west. For course of runway, see Annex.
 (4) For location of radio installations, see Annex. The installation with four masts is probably an Adcock DF.
 (5) A total of 21 red numbers ranging between 9 and 53 have been observed on MiG-15s at Brandis airfield. The aircraft of the fighter regiment are marked by a blue stripe on the upper edges of their rudder assemblies.
 (6) It has not been determined to which type of [REDACTED] is assigned. The same [REDACTED] was observed in Koethen in January 1951.

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